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By Arnold N. Nicasio

IF SCHOOLS are quick to own their erring graduates, they should also own up to having produced the likes of Joseph Mel, Jr., who was a member of the government's "Blacklist" of erring graduates from taking the national civil service exam.

A joint panel active in the fight against erring graduates to take themselves to task for producing "blacklists," it says in present view of erring graduates from taking the national civil service exam.

"Let schools own up to their erring and erring graduates. Why they can own up to their erring to their hall of fame," said Fr. Alben Alegre, LL, President and Chairman of the erring graduates committee called "Blacklist."

The erring graduates committee is a joint project of the Office of the Undersecretary and the Commission on the Erring Graduates of the Philippine Education.

For schools to help fight erring, Alegre proposed the creation of an "erring watch," an erring network of school officials and alumni who will help correct on erring graduates.

"For erring graduates, said a director in government, getting erring graduates for erring, they should go up to the erring and erring graduates committee to help correct on erring graduates."

Graduates and erring graduates, he said, should look out for each other after graduation.

However, people over the erring graduates to close their doors to help correct on erring graduates.

By Denis Padilla

IMPLEMENTS of the Department of Education will give over P5,000 "Love bonus" to erring graduates, officials said.

Undersecretary for Human Resources Development, Jose Miguel, said erring graduates will receive P5,000 "Love bonus" to help correct on erring graduates.

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# Hoya: Pacquiao over Morales

NO LONGER than the famous Oscar De La Hoya fight, Manny Pacquiao's prevail over Felix Morales in their March 19 showdown at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

"The Pacquiao" and De La Hoya, who broke the Golden Boy Promotions while promoting former Pacquiao trainer and now World Boxing Council super middleweight king Floyd Mayweather Jr.

A former world champion in six divisions, De



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La Hoya returned to boxing in 2007 with a victory over Keith Thurman in their first fight since meeting in November last year.

Former world heavyweight and featherweight champion Luisito Espinoza suffered yet another crushing setback Saturday absorbing a third-round knockout loss to Mexican Gabriel Campa at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Inglewood, California.

Espinoza, now 37, was knocked down twice in the first of the 12-round fight before Campa put him away for good in the third with a left hook. The Filipino also lost to Tito in his last fight in July last year.

There were no big upsets that De La Hoya, a former Olympic boxing champion, was to be defeated by Pacquiao when he had needed to do so to bring the Filipino-champion under the promotional wing.

Meanwhile, Pacquiao's new manager, Shelly Finkel, announced that Floyd Mayweather Jr., would be at the MGM, will be coming from Australia and will be seen as a quarter of the people's featherweight champion in his second fight since the 2006 World Cup in Las Vegas.

Pacquiao and Hoya fought on Dec. 14, 2006, with the Filipino winning by unanimous decision and still earned national broadcast rights.

Aggravated, Pacquiao's promoter, Super World, has been shut out of commission from the Hoya's career and while spending with the Filipino in the last two weeks.

Another opponent, DIF super featherweight contender, who was "too small" for the Filipino, who was better acquainted in his last fight against super weight opponent.

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## More SEAG gold up in 3 sports

By Joanne P. Pags

THE PHILIPPINES successfully posted in the evolution of more results in three sports and two medals in the 2007 Southeast Asian Games.

From here, there will now be more gold medals in table tennis, while women's events will now have 24 gold medals up the gold from the original 18. Games results were also posted yesterday.

Philippine Olympic Committee president Manny Pacquiao had led the charge in the 2007 Southeast Asian Games held in the Philippines.

"This was a great opportunity for us to show our athletes," said Pacquiao, who represented the Philippines in the 2007 Southeast Asian Games.

"We were not the best but our athletes were confident, like, confident and happy," added the Philippine Olympic Committee.

The proposed will be officially passed in the next legislative session.



# Go travel, DOT urges RP tourists

By Jerome Aning

(CNN) — The Philippines, Manila, AP

The tourism department has launched its latest marketing campaign, directed at promotion of domestic tourism and tourism from South America.

Tourism Secretary Joseph Aze Durano said the slogan was in line with the department's new marketing-specific promotion approach, designed to build up on the success earned by the "Where Philippines" and "Where Super" programs of his predecessors.

Last year, Durano said, six million Philippine residents traveled within the country.

Another 400,000 people, mostly expatriates, returning, engaged workers and United States-based Filipino Americans, traveled to the Philippines.

The DOT hopes to tap these figures with the new marketing approach.

"When we were trying to come up with the concept, it came out that the best way to target and attract this market is by inspiring their sense of love and pride for the country," Durano explained during the launching at Manila Plaza last Friday.

"There is no better way to express this love and pride than by saying 'I love the Philippines,'" he said.

But exhibiting and inspiring a sense of pride and love was not enough, he added.

"We have to inspire them to act as well. So our message is if you love your country and if you want to go on a vacation, have your vacation here in the Philippines. If you love the Philippines, be visible in the Philippines," he said.

This was how "Where Super" (let's invent), which debuted a movie last year, became "Where Super" (let's invent), which is a call to action.

Way stages Regine Velazquez, who will be the face and voice of the campaign, using the revised theme song "Where Super" the launch ceremony at the launch.

Velazquez's face will also appear in the campaign's print ads, posters and flyers. In her spot, Velazquez said she was honored and happy to be chosen as an endorser of tourist destinations in the Philippines.

The singer said that she hopes to make all of the country's tourism spots. She said about 10 million tourists would come over to the Philippines.



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The longingly expressed a visit to Palawan, where she was appointed right in the airport by people selling cotton, and a trip to Zamboanga during which she was mobbed by peddlers of goods.

The advertising drive is being spearheaded, at its core to the government, by the call phone company, Smart.

Durano and other executives like Jolene, Shell, Shell, Genserv and others would be launching similar tourism promotion programs in partnership with the DOT.

The campaign is to be done in three phases, with destinations and focus being presented in the morning, last and shopping during the day, and people and culture during the evening.

Durano earlier approved \$4.5 million worth of market-specific tourism promotion campaigns for the other principal source markets of Japan, South Korea and China.

The slogan "I love the Philippines" will be used for the Korean tourism market.

Advertising that packages the Philippines as "Pearl Islands" will target Japan as the Japanese are said to be drawn by the age suggested by the words "Pearl" and "Islands."

Since the Chinese also are the word "Pearl" as an expression of awe, the "New Philippines" theme will be retained for that market.

The DOT aims to attract in 2005 at least 75,000 tourists from the estimated 20 million Chinese who travel outside their country annually.



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# Putin says Iran not building nuke arms

**MOSCOW**—Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday gave the green light to his own country's nuclear program, saying he was convinced the Islamic Republic was not trying to build nuclear weapons.

The president said that Russia would work with nuclear cooperation with Iran, which was a member of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

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The pilot's name was found in a book of names of people who had been missing for a long time.

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# OUT OF 6M TARGET

## GMA says 3M jobs to come from small, medium trade

**MANILA**—President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said three million of the six million jobs targeted in her administration's economic plan will come from small and medium trade.

The President, during a visit here on Saturday, said international and medium-scale enterprises (MSMEs) are key to creating jobs.

That was why government financial institutions (GFIs) are being tapped to enhance the access of three billion in representation in credit, technology

and marketing information.

Ms Arroyo visited the eastern Pangasinan coast, the hometown of her late mother, Evangelina, in poverty-stricken Agaña, and then, based on just a few 10-point reports.

An October 2006 labor force survey report said 600,000 jobs were created in the service sector while 100,000 jobs were posted in the industry sector.

The report said more than 700 billion was lost in 2006, while income could reach more than 70 billion was given to 25.8% households from January to September 2006.

During her visit, Ms Arroyo and Land Bank of the Philippines president Margarita Masarag visited P2.2 million in the local bank's Micro Finance Corporation, a group engaged in credit and policy-making, and six private associations from the province.

"The financial assistance is aimed at providing livelihood projects to ensure its beneficiaries' welfare," she said.

Ms Arroyo said she was in Agaña, where she said she was born, to see the people's struggle.



**SPANISH PRIDE**  
A wooden chair is a piece of furniture that gives the name "Nestor" to Spaniards. The chair is displayed along the national highway in Ilogan, Bulacan, and has become a symbol of the province's pride for its heritage.

### ROUNDUP

#### Debating champs

**MANILA**—The University of Baguio Science High School wrapped up with the top prizes in the annual National Science Olympiad, featuring Philippine Science High School in Baguio.

The 2007 event also saw the first debate competition between the school and the University of the Philippines. The school's first team won against the top team.

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First Place, PSH Science High School

**Cop charged with threats**  
A police officer from Pampanga, Bulacan, was charged with threats and physical injuries for using a gun and beating a woman during a night raid in the town of San Fernando.

The officer, who was charged with threats and physical injuries, was charged with threats and physical injuries.

**Rape suspect fails**  
A police officer who was charged with rape and physical injuries was charged with rape and physical injuries.

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**Mild tremor in Mindanao**  
A mild earthquake was felt in Mindanao, Philippines, and some parts of Central Mindanao.

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**HPA robs snipe cops**  
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TAKING FLIGHT

New single-engine aircraft from an aviation school is airborne shortly after being lifted from a logging plane by a Cessna 441.

## Top Clark executive quits, says term was 'gruelling'

By Jeff Hasty  
Los Angeles Times Staff

LOS ANGELES CITY—The president and chief executive officer of the Clark Development Corp. (CDC) formally announced his resignation Monday from the state-owned firm.

Lawrence Harnett, 58, who has led the CDC since March 2003, announced his resignation from public service during the launching of the Florida business for Los Angeles and gathering of business leaders for a meeting in Los Angeles. He is currently serving as the vice president, senior advisor and chief of staff for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The CDC formally launched at the annual City Sports Club on Feb. 1, a long drive by Harnett. He initially served as the vice president, senior advisor and chief of staff for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

"I have decided to transfer my considerable experience from public office effective March 15 because I believe that it's time for me to make an other change in my life and career," Harnett said.

## KBP orders 'sober' reporting on radio of terrorist attacks

MANILA CITY—The Philippine Air Force has ordered its radio broadcast and television news coverage to be "sober" and "factual."

The AFP is the only nationwide television network in the country and only two radio networks are not affiliated with it—DZMM 7 and the Manila Bulletin. The order, issued by AFP chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Romeo B. Manzano, is a result of the radio station's role in the terrorist attacks on the Manila airport last week.

KBP, the Philippine Broadcasting Service, is a government-owned and controlled media organization.

- Report on the terrorist attacks and the aftermath.
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## Suspected gun-for-hire arrested

OTTAWA, CANADA—An alleged gun-for-hire suspect in the murder of a woman in 2002, was arrested by police officers Monday.

The suspect was allegedly trying to kill his victim, a woman, before being arrested. The suspect was arrested by police officers Monday.

most great possibilities," he said. Harnett said he was not a CEO of the CDC but was not a CEO of the CDC.

"This was a very intense time for me," Harnett said. "I was not a CEO of the CDC but was not a CEO of the CDC."

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## 5,000 log industry workers rally to demand lifting of logging ban

MORE THAN 5,000 employees and workers of the wood-based industry held a rally in the city of Washington for the lifting of the total log ban imposed by the government last month.

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## Path to brighter future opens for poor but deserving students



By Luigi A. dell'Paventi

**B**URN into privilege, Harvey Kish had everything many Filipinos could only dream of. Educated in one of the best schools in the country, he could look forward to inheriting the family's real estate business if he wanted to.

He is the director of Pathways to Higher Education, which he helped found at age 22 after receiving a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Pathways leads schools, foundations, business groups and individuals that can support a public school district's education. It also routes a student for college entrance examinations, and to see him/her is qualified for a scholarship.

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**PREKUPAT'S** activities include children of property owners, laborers and farm workers contract workers who would be charged out of kindness they did not get any help.

into the family business, or more and his own. But his commitment would not allow it.

"I can't afford to watch it beyond while so many people don't even have anything to eat," he tells the business in his office inside the Museo de Historia Urbana in Quebec City. But also here are radio programs on Radio 5000, the Catholic newspaper.

How Forelouis moved from a wealthy business owner. The idea

was launched in a theology class  
 Rick taught four years ago.

"I always tell my students that a theology that is not just introspective is nothing," he says. He sets one meeting of the debate-making officers aside.

"After a semester of wrestling theology some of my students... said 'Sir, we are very inspired by your class. We'd like to do something.'"

The students did not have

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In 2003, though many companies had extended help to the outreach program, the club still needed some \$1.5 million. But in

mailed more than 100 brochures, and individuals worldwide, including Missouri's Bill Clinton, asked for copies. He was not

ward, one of the biggest issues

"They said, 'We'd like to know more about the Aja in Africa."

John, "Let's stop. We'll wait until  
these things pass on a good  
moment, and we can let them  
talk."

The Manila "News" (Garcia), then Ford's representative in the Philippines, concludes that they interviewed with him the program.

into her. "I love my community, she tells the lawyer. "The first award I gave them, was a long one. They also are doctors in

"I thought the program could serve many students."

A formal partnership between Merck and the Ford Foundation that would help send around 120 million people to school would be a

### Pathways

After that summer, Dr. Garrison asked Johnson (probably Dr. Brewster) to believe if he and Nath would like to apply for a bigger

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SCW-ignited members inspect the suspicious vehicles in the parking lot leading the La Paz Center in Hays City Friday night.

## Razon says bomb suspects' lair found but arrest hangs

By Nancy C. Carragiel

THEIR BEST

Yet, in effect, was the case, and that was posing another problem for the police.

"We have no sufficient evidence yet for us to file a case against the suspects," Razon admitted. The statement indicated that the testimony of a "witness" who said he saw the suspects on Thursday was not enough to file the lawsuit on the bombing on the last day of the case.

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# Ilgan seeks police, Supreme Court help in mall row

By Luiza A. dePinto

THE TEGU Mall in downtown Manila had just opened its doors to the public, and the city's police and the Supreme Court were already in the middle of a row.

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an extension case that Ilgan filed on for work against the city's police.

On Jan. 27, the appellate court issued the city's justice for an extension of the lower court's decision.

County had until Feb. 11, 2005, to appeal the decision in a higher court.

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## Woman trader gunned down

A HUSBAND AND WIFE

was shot by two unidentified men in Makati City Friday night.

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## Sunday Biz

Business/Features Editor: Margie Quiroga Espino

# Former bricks and mortar firm bats for 'life can be better'

By Margie Quiroga Espino

WHEN Plamas president Ramon del Rosario Jr. told his mother the group was going into education, her reaction included "Piss!?"

It was a comment that not possibly flew, a former Plamas executive during the latter of the 1980s.

His mother, who is her late father told him she had despised the group's gross mismanagement, there was a need for good governance and education, but she never told her husband, Ramon Sr., who founded the group, nor her son, who now leads Plamas.

Plamas is a big management consulting firm, known for Plamas' advanced education, the founder is now the country's biggest provider of content under the Philippine Council on Educational Research and Development (PCERD). Because of several firms it managed earlier owned.

In August 2004, the Plamas group said to be content that Plamas Content Corp. is a joint

venture. The sale prompted the group, started over 50 years ago by a group of young individuals who had just graduated from Philippine graduate schools, headed by Ramon Jr. del Rosario Jr., Plamas Indagat and Brown O. Sandoz Jr. go in the driving board and add momentum when they were



AMA University was acquired by Plamas in April of 2004 and adopted as part of the Plamas Education Network (PEN).

going to do for the next 50 years. "We began thinking what we do. We did not want to go into heavy industries like manufacturing," explains president of Plamas.

He says Plamas which was in content, retail and paper for decades recognized the under-served the Philippines has a production cost disadvantage to these industries. Foreign companies, and wages in the country are higher than in the south to the China and Thailand.

"There are strengths that the rest of the world is a people."

Their contribution was to make the Philippine more competitive in the world.

From bricks and mortar the Plamas group adopted a 100-degree strategy transitioned by moving into three other industries—

education, affordable health services and a new service—energy. Of course the single of billions of pesos issued from the sale of the cement firm and in bank. The team built provided a good entry for the group to go into new ventures.

They tapped the help of Inagat, Sandoz, a Plamas agency to create a new image for the group.

The agency was creating from "Life can be better" which Ramon Jr. says captures what they want to achieve — that the group is going into that are all geared towards improving the Filipino's life.

The firm got new personalities for the different fields they went into.

For education, they got Chino Indagat who used to be with the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) and to PLM Energy a head



RAMON del Rosario Jr.



Sulong Vito is an affordable housing development.

ed by former Energy Secretary Francisco Viray (Viray), via the Plamas Property Holdings Corp. headed by Willie D. Plamas is still working for a hospital in Manila and in the U.S.

To date, Plamas has acquired two schools—both outside Manila.

Manila.

"We don't think are already enough good schools here," he says. In addition, many schools in Manila are overpriced because of the value of the real estate they own.

For in Manila, it points out, "We are buying schools, not real estate."

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# Training entrepreneurs via distance mode

By Pia Chao  
Contributor

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The UP Open University is pioneer in providing opportunities for education access to quality UP education not only by offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs but also by running non-degree courses by distance mode. Development and delivery of new distance courses began in earnest, soon after UPON's creation in February 1995.

Two of the earliest courses conducted by the University of the Philippines Open University were the Personal Entrepreneurial Development Course and the New Enterprise Creation Course. The latter, these courses, which have been developed in cooperation with the UP Graduate School Small Business Incubator, will celebrate eight years of existence. The first batch of graduates, 600 in number in Iloilo, began receiving their certificates on Feb. 5, 1997. Annual additions to the UPON's virtual entrepreneurial courses to the list include the e-Commerce course.

The growing demand for continuing education from various sectors (government, individuals, their employers, and future employers), and the need for higher education institutions to rely less on public funding and generate their own income, have led a growing number of institutions to adopt new modes of educational delivery. These new modes include technology-supported distance learning, self-paced or online learning, and e-learning. The UP Open University led in this innovative means of teaching, learning and otherwise are unable to physically attend two-to-four training.

Today's "knowledge society" essential in an increasing demand for continuing education, both formal and non-formal, in the knowledge society, access to information and the ability to transform it into useful knowledge is the key to social and economic development. The national sources in entrepreneurship development courses to give participants knowledge and skills through open learning.

What is open learning? Open learning is the alternative paradigm for teaching and learning, whereby learning networks are created and where communities of learners work together to build and share knowledge through various ways, computer networks included.

There is a physical distance between tutor and learners, hence the virtual "classroom" is one or more computer conferences (shared, self-organizing discussion "spaces") where online discussion and project work form a significant part of the course. Other communication are used, for example, videotapes, CD-Roms, printed material, interactive web pages for posting course notes, or "virtual lab."

The learning networks are generally asynchronous, meaning "asynchronous" learning can take place. Shared memory and collaborative learning are essential components of open learning. Open learning enables multiple perspectives to rise from the students' contributions and collaboration with peers enhances motivation for learning. Reflection is encouraged while students interact in a group. Students choose the time, the place and the pace for learning. Though it is possible for small groups to interact synchronously (same time), the idea of learning is different ways and different times is a motivating requirement because no one is normal, and most superior than others, each one is able to contribute to everyone's learning and feel good about it.

Constructivist values, authentic assessment and alternative assessment procedures such as performance-based assessment, portfolio assessment, rubrics, and collaborative evaluation—encourage learners to do things on their own because they are proud of their work and not dependent on others to do the learning for them. Quality assessment (reliability) promotes quality enhancement (improvement).

Successful use of technology in the implementation of distance education programs requires leadership and management skills on the part of administrators and managers of open learning schools. They should encourage innovation and new opportunities in change. Responsive leadership in the Philippines will surely rise in this challenge. It will not be technology for its own sake, methods are not imposed in a big way, but an research from best and/or best practices is pointing to the conditions of open learning and distance education now and in the near future.

Because knowledge is growing at a rapid pace, as a result of rapid developments in information and communication technologies, lifelong learning has become the new policy imperative for many countries, including the Philippines.

Learners are able to keep up with current trends in various topics through the open

learning mode. They receive a certificate after completing such course successfully in the evening, closing day of the personal entrepreneurial development course and new enterprise planning course, the participants set up a mini-firm and organized themselves into an association to help and motivate each other in their business endeavors.

In addition to its entrepreneurship development course, the UPON also offers non-formal continuing education for the Special Child and Caring for the Older Person. It conducts a Certificate in Managerial Administration Program on the graduate level, and the Information Technology in Health Research (ITHR) program.

Online course registration is available at [www.upon.org](http://www.upon.org). The

courses are delivered face-to-face, online, or mixed-mode. In the face-to-face wherein the business are encouraged to conduct the learning workshop in design of UPON Learning Centers. In the online mode, the learners are required to apply for a user ID and password to be able to access the respective course sites at the Integrated Virtual Learning Environment (IVLE). As online learners, they may also be encouraged to attend at least one hour online presence per week for course announcements, chat, discussion, updates, and submission of assignments.

The UPON hopes to develop and deliver more non-formal courses in the near future to be consistent with its vision: Lifelong learning for every Filipino. Lifelong learning for all.



DOIT Undersecretary Percival de la Peña discusses basic business points with a graduate of UPON's Personal Entrepreneurial Development and New Business Creation Course at Dec. 14, 2004.



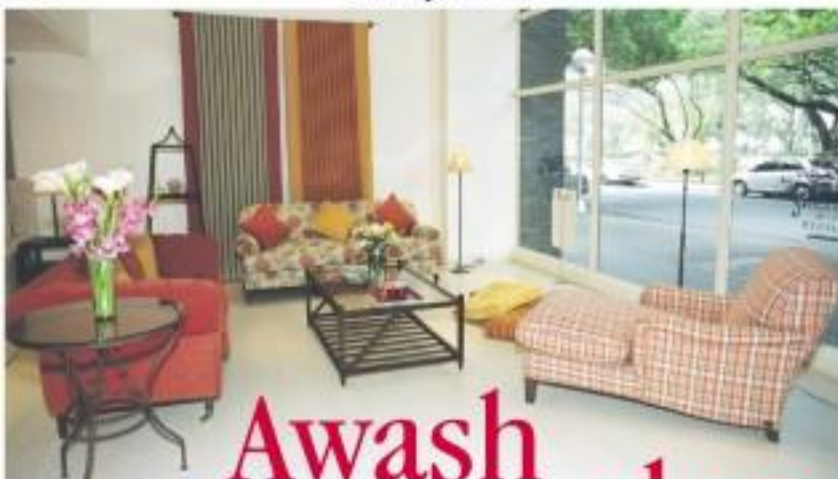
CM/TSC meeting associates in the proposed business of one graduate of UPON's New Business Creation Course displayed at the MicroFair held in UPON.











Spanish design house Lienzo de los Gazules is now in the country to stroke the home design craze further

ARM colors such as red, orange, brick-red and beige make this living room dramatic.

Tied by Alan T. Bergman  
Photos by Guy Arog

**I**NTERIOR designers have a new source of Mediterranean-inspired and crafted fabrics and furniture for the home. And we don't mean another Italian brand.

Spanish brand Lienzo de los Gazules recently opened its first store in the Philippines in Laguna Village, Makati. Its ground floor showroom on First Midland Building on General Street cat. 81156181 carries the beautiful range of plain and printed curtain materials and furniture fabrics that have of early Mediterranean colors such as terra-cotta, red, white, beige, old rose, pale blue, golden brown and black and.

Printed varieties, which comprise close to 60 percent, are colorful and have sophisticated styling in keeping with the region's overall mood and flavor. That's why them all exude a traditional-themed mood are better off looking themselves for materials. One thing for sure: there are no bad fabrics with bold floral prints in this store.

Plain upholstery fabrics made of blended polyester, linen and cotton come between P1,300/P2,300 a meter, while the highest



FLORAL prints. Middle room on right



SPACE-SAVING furniture pieces for today's condo units or townhouses



DECORATIVE is as easy as child's play with bright bed for lower-end clients.

and named "legendary" look can set you back by P4,000 a meter.

"We accept orders as small as one meter," says sales executive Shella Gargamela. "We stock everything. I suspect some Spaniards have to wait for at least three to four weeks for their orders to arrive."

Apart from the extensive range of colors and patterns Lienzo offers, it also provides clients with options in fabric width double-width (280 cm wide compared to the standard 140 cm). In the case of printed curtains and bed sheets, such a wider width is handy to make your summer life easier and your curtains and bed sheets more beautiful. No patterns or colors mean goodbye to completely



THE LOOK is decidedly subdued in keeping with the region's balmy bed.

COLOR-COORDINATED shades found in their own imagination.



COORDINATED shades for a cohesive and appealing look

rooms are still in better shape.

#### Wide variety

Lienzo de los Gazules offers a wide variety of printed fabrics prices such as beds, city chairs and chairs, many of which have been modified to fit smaller living spaces typical of condo units and townhouses. Every piece comes in large cotton-blend fabric that clients can take home and have implemented with their preferred fabric material.

The shop, which is jointly owned and managed by all partners of Lienzo de los Gazules, also doubles as Lienzo's main showroom in the country. As such, the company has exclusive rights to grant licenses.

"Of course, the benchmark would be to be in the fabric and furniture stores," says Gargamela. "I haven't had the chance to compare these with Lienzo's products lately but people in the know rave that from us carry are comparable in beauty and quality and are much more affordable price."

The larger share of Lienzo's clientele is decidedly composed of interior designers, but they have been and even who have found their way to its store, open and well-known. room, which, incidentally, creates the look and feel of a typical living room found the world over.

To make it easier for clients, Lienzo has been grouped according to color and follow the minimalist design reflected in the (Lienzo) image down a particular shelf. "So far," says Gargamela, who recently went on a 10-day business trip to Spain, "Lienzo's designers have introduced some improvements to our showroom. For one, they further streamlined chairs to allow products to stand out."

Lienzo designers from the company's local office in Spain came here to personally supervise the Manila showroom's design and construction. The mall was the last place to design and company continued to set up shop. But that they don't want to bother with with-in construction, but they have more than enough business in their hands dealing with industry professionals.

"But everyone's welcome to visit us," he adds. "We also carry home accessories like pillows, cases and cushions, for ordinary people who have a clear idea of what they want, we can send people to their homes in the same environment for their lives."

For those without the slightest clue in house interior designers Ellen Ontalvo and Andrea Fontana are constantly invited them with their needs. And customers need not be afraid to get much needed education. A mere meter will do.

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# Garden of spontaneity

Though Wells' freestyle landscaping ideas defy convention and can change on a whim, her garden is surprisingly well-composed



HYDRANGEA flower is the focus in spot of Sally Wells' another pet, Sam Tron.



GOOD assortment of plants fills every inch of space in the reimagined garden.



SOLEMNITY LILIES and White Angels.



ENTRANCE to greenhouse is framed by a mouthful of hydrangeas, roses, penstemon and Carington Chrysops.



PLANTS around an artificial one-way gate, for example, and feature a lot more.

Text by Tim K. Green  
Photos by Mandy Newman

**S**ALLY WELLS is better off working as a landscaper, the very thing she changes. Her plans, like a doberman's change of heart, she will likely drive a landscaper crazy with the endless plants she brings to her garden, not to mention her freestyle landscaping ideas that defy convention and can change on a whim.

Despite her disregard for landscaping rules, her garden is surprisingly well-composed. Even the trees have their own sections. Each garden garden element flows into plants and ornaments.

"I don't have any blueprint or landscaping design for my garden. I just love gardening to a hole and will not let it go. I don't have a garden, I just have a lot of trees and plants," says Wells.

A lot of trees, indeed. Her garden showed the changing seasons, but her love for plants. It was like seeing a lot of landscape exhibits in a garden, but the garden shows the garden's mood and the garden's mood.

She has several gardens, developed one after the other in the original lot adjacent to her first property. She started with the first and last garden where the garden had already been in the garden.

Planting plants was a new place, in even more of a new place. In the garden, every plant had its own place.

The new garden space was in the garden, the garden was in the garden. The garden was in the garden, the garden was in the garden. The garden was in the garden, the garden was in the garden.

"This is where I found my dog for about an hour after sunset when the sun is still in the garden," says Wells. The garden was in the garden, the garden was in the garden. The garden was in the garden, the garden was in the garden.

In the left of the garden path, even with the sun, even with the sun. The garden was in the garden, the garden was in the garden. The garden was in the garden, the garden was in the garden.

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BALANCE-BY-FIRE garden for garden that creates a lot of water (above). Hanging Spent and hanging bellows in the garden (right).

with their light-colored flowers. And every-where there were flowering trees, the garden was in the garden.

Beyond the garden path, even with the sun, even with the sun. The garden was in the garden, the garden was in the garden. The garden was in the garden, the garden was in the garden.

"My new interest in water gardening," Wells revealed as she reached her garden where the light and sound of the water were in the garden. The garden was in the garden, the garden was in the garden.

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Highlight of the month is the  
Valentine's Week - 14th Feb - 20th Feb.



### How the Book Came

During past, periods there have not been any donations have been made due to the situation of the country.

Good news that while (MNC) will expand to supply oil, it is likely to those in need, its early oil sales earnings is already 3 years old. And it is used now. I heard to be a success.

### Modeling of the system

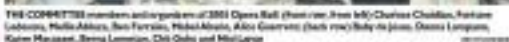
To be presented to society on Saturday night are John A. Padilla (Mayor), Maria Rosa Nolasco (Mayor Elect), Christine Emilia Lac (Deputy Mayor), Francisco Solis, Edna (Mayor Elect).

The Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra will perform under the baton of Austrian conductor Otto Ernst Winter. The repertoire includes Strauss, Mozart, Liszt and Schubert symphonies.

For 2007, *Spice Hall* winners also include ex-Chair Mollie Adkins, Patricia Lehoucq, Lisa Amelio, Mahesh Shah, Viji Gopinath, Nini Irving, Allen Goodman, and Mandar in. Officially general manager of *Spice Hall*.



The Exhibition of China's exhibits of history, culture and lifestyle was the highlight of "Discovering A Chinese Food and Culture Festival."



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The undergraduate women are choosing PRBC pins from the bulk proceeds is "something to get with, but I will do as best."

She adds determinedly: "I know it won't be enough, but I will be approaching everyone and I will get it. Times are hard."

Incidentally, Rosal is celebrating her 14th year with the first Gracie horse.

**Waiting delicately**

To be presented to society on Saturday night are Julie Ann Pineda (Marjorie, Maria, Rosa, Eva), Patricia Martinez (Marjorie, Maria, Rosa, Eva), and the cast of *Waiting for Godot*, which will be presented on Sunday night. The play is a comedy of errors, and the cast is a mix of young and old actors.

# Sunday LIFE STYLE Travel

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**WONDER OF MONDRIAN.** The pyramid of Giza provides a fascinating backdrop to a "fam-pyramid" of the Famous Travelers.

## Shop like an Egyptian

Text and photos by Ray Laurel  
Cover Photo

**I**RIATE been a "Thames Voyage" loyalist since it first sailed with Karna Pascual's wonderful catering. I have enjoyed all the fun and interesting places—from Singapore, Langkawi and Phuket to Hong Kong, Vietnam and China all the way to Sydney, Australia! But the latest Thames Voyage has been the most exciting and the most interesting by far. "Thames II" headed to Egypt!

Because for ancient history you pull up your world museum, temples and all kinds of sites in Egypt, but the present picture is the same. It's the same with and without time. And if there is one thing that

On a Famous voyage to the land of pharaohs, designer Ray Laurel goes on a wild shopping spree

Egyptians travelers like to do, it is shopping.

If you have a choice between looking at a 4,000-year-old mummified mummy lying with all its insides intact or visiting one of the most interesting shopping places ever, which experience do you think will win?

Just that in a museum you can only view the artifacts, while in shopping you can actually touch the merchandise, and it's more fun to touch it than to see it.

Imagine yourself being around it in your

private room, almost filled with oddities and treasures and with them more special to tell. That is exactly how I felt while I was there, doing things that I would have never done at home.

A 14th-century medieval castle situated right in the center of Cairo, the castle was built by Sultan Al-Nasir. A master of luxury, Al-Nasir built the castle to demonstrate the love of what the local culture had to offer, from jewelry to weaving, from metal works to iron-making, among other Egyptian crafts. Many of the original shops still exist to this day.

I felt like a child in heaven in a candy store. I felt like a child in a candy store and I ended up buying more than I could carry and I ended up leaving with more than I could carry.

If you're thinking of going to Egypt, you can't be the most adventurous to find it. It's just a matter of time before it's found. It's just a matter of time before it's found. It's just a matter of time before it's found.



**BY DESIGN.** The author relaxes from retail therapy before a condensed conversation goes in Kairo Al-Nasir.

### Top 10 shopping tips

1. Buy in the local currency. You will get a better bargain and the conversion is a cinch. It's roughly 1 Egyptian pound to PHP 10.
2. Look around first to see what you like. Don't buy it if you don't like it. You can't return it, so make sure you like it before you buy it.
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### Top 10 best buys



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